

CODE OF ETHICS

Confidentiality:

The interpreter will not disclose any information learned and/or transmitted during the performance of interpretation unless he or she has the express approval of all parties or when required by law.

Respect For Persons:

The interpreter will demonstrate respect towards all persons involved in the interpreting situation.

Impartiality:

The interpreter will show no preference or bias towards either party involved in the interpretation.

Fidelity¹:

The interpreter will render the message faithfully, conveying to the best of her or his ability the content of the message. Interpretation will be provided without addition, omission or distortion of meaning.

Conflict of Interest²:

The interpreter will disclose to all parties any actual or apparent conflict of interest. Any condition that interferes with the objectivity of an interpreter constitutes a conflict of interest. A conflict may exist if the interpreter is acquainted with or related to any party or has an interest in the outcome of the interpreting situation. An interpreter should not engage in conduct creating the appearance of bias, prejudice or partiality.

Competence³:

The interpreter will only accept assignments in areas for which he or she has been trained, and in those language areas for which he or she has been “screened” and “tested”. The healthcare interpreter will strive to maintain professional competency through participation in skills development, training and research.

¹ Adapted from Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Code of Ethics

² Adapted from California State Courts, Code of Ethics

³ Adapted from The Australian Institute for Interpreters and Translators (AUSIT), Code of Ethics